

**THE SILVER STAR "FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION"**

is pinned on Technical Sergeant Gerald W. Sneed by his commanding officer, Colonel Edward P. Passalunghi, at a special staff officer formation held at headquarters, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School. Although wounded, Sergeant Sneed maintained battalion communications near San Stefano, Sicily, for 36 hours without rest, enabling his battalion commander to organize his unit and take a strong German position. Members of the officer formation visible in above photo are (left to right) Captain R. H. Holstein, First Lieutenant D. L. Shirik, E. U. Cavell, F. J. Dressler and C. W. Oliver, Jr. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Chapel Attendance Reaches New High

Fort Benning's 51 chaplains, augmented by the visiting Notre Dame Fathers, conducted a total of 1,009 services with a total attendance of 102,335 during the month of November, Chief of Chaplains Paul K. Buckles reported to Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, this week. The attendance is believed to be an all-time high at Fort Benning, the Chaplain said.

The second highest attendance since records have been kept was for last Easter season when 71,515 attended. The attendance figures for the Station Complement chaplains numbering 22 was 34,491 for 467 services. The recent visit of Notre Dame fathers for the annual mission drew 36,336 for the 44 services. A total of 4,500 attended 79 services at the Prisoner of War Camp, making a grand total of 74,627 for 590 services of all kinds in the Station Complement. In addition 22,896 soldiers were served through pastoral services such as hospital calls, addresses, guardhouse visits, and soldiers contacting chaplains for the solution of personal problems.

AGF ATTENDANCE
In the Army Ground Forces, the Second Army chaplain conducted seven services with an attendance of 530. Pastoral services were rendered 231. The chaplain of the 179th Ordnance Battalion conducted 11 services with attendance of 1,497 and 27 soldiers were served by pastoral service.

The three chaplains of the Third Infantry conducted 67 services with an attendance of 8,011. Persons contacted through pastoral service included 1,026.

In the Fourth Infantry Regiment, three chaplains conducted 32 services with an attendance of 1,405. Pastoral work served 1,405.

The Parachute School chaplain held 9 services with an attendance of 442. Pastoral service was rendered 1,205. Two chaplains of the 37th Infantry of The Parachute School held 17 services with an attendance of 1,205, and 332 were contacted for pastoral service. A total of 1,736 attended the 34 services of the two chaplains of the Second Parachute Training Regiment while 2,708 were rendered pastoral service.

71ST DIVISION
The 15 chaplains of the 71st Division held 225 services with an attendance of 8,818, and 7,438 contacted chaplains for pastoral service.

The Army Air Forces chaplain at Lawson Field conducted 17 services attended by 238, and held a like number of pastoral conferences.

During the month Benning chaplains performed 39 wedding ceremonies, baptised 26, and conducted five funeral services.

TIS BOND SALES
Captain Matthew Tucker, War Bond Officer, for The Infantry School, has announced the following War Bond sales for the month of November: Academic Dept., \$29,773.25; 3d STR, \$26,597.00; 1st STR, \$16,693.00; Academic Regt., \$13,510.00; 2d STR, \$10,800.00; OCRU, \$5,835.00; 3d Inf., \$5,633.50; 4th Inf., \$2,458.75; other units, \$10,742.50. The Infantry School total for the month is \$124,771.00.

Perfect Soldier Gets Proposal Of Marriage
Cumany D's "Perfect Soldier," George Keeling, has received over 30 fan-letters from over 15 different states since the recent story of his distinctive army career was printed over the North American continent by the Associated Press.

Most of the 58-year-old soldier's fan-mail consists of greetings from ladies of his own age with a keen desire to meet "the perfect soldier," and the correspondence includes everything from proposals to "would-like-to-meet-you" letters.

George, disdaining the fan-mail after an initial mild curiosity took all his letters to the company D room, where they are now exposed to the avid perusal of many GIs.

"Lotta damn foolishness," George says.

Residents Urged To Open Homes To Yule Visitors

As was the case last year, the post billeting office is issuing an appeal to all military personnel with quarters on the reservation to open their homes during the forthcoming holiday season to accommodate visiting relatives of service men and women.

"For many soldiers now stationed at Ft. Benning, Christmas of 1944 will be the first they have spent in the United States for four years, and for many others it will be the last Christmas until the end of the war," Capt. John J. Myers, Jr., post billeting officer, pointed out. "Many of these soldiers will want to have some of their relatives with them this Christmas, and those who find it possible to accommodate some of them will be doing quite a patriotic service. The people of Columbus have been very generous in the past but simply cannot care for all holiday visitors."

SERVICE CHARGE ONLY
Personnel opening their homes will not be permitted to charge a rental, but they may make a small service charge for the use of linens, towels, etc., used by the visitors.

Captain Myers pointed out that this same appeal was made last year and proved quite successful. One hundred and thirty officers who had been granted Christmas leave turned their quarters over to the billeting officers for the use of Christmas visitors, thus making it possible to accommodate several Army couples.

While we realize that there isn't enough space to take care of all relatives who would like to come to Fort Benning this season, yet each person through his quarters will make room for at least one more person who otherwise would not be able to make the trip," Captain Myers said.

INTERVIEW APPLICANT
The billeting officer said that all soldiers requesting room space for relatives will be thoroughly interviewed for the purpose of making certain that post residents are sent the people they can best accommodate. For example, a person throwing open their homes request specifically a mother, a wife, etc., their wishes will be considered.

Personnel who can provide the space for visitors are requested to contact the billeting office at FB 335 or at the Headquarters to specify the space available and the dates during which visitors can be accommodated.

Likewise, persons desiring to reserve space are requested to contact the billeting officer for the purpose of registering their names. General Stilwell will be in the post to specify the space available and the dates during which visitors can be accommodated.

The billeting office will make every effort to find space for these potential visitors.

Audience Invited To Radio Shows
The premiere of two new Fort Benning radio shows will be presented Saturday, December 16, with an invitation going out to all personnel on the post to attend and watch the broadcasting as well as to listen to it.

After being off the air for several weeks, "Listen It's Fort Benning" will return to the air waves on Saturday, December 16, from the stage of the Main Theater. The 3d STR program Saturday, the 3d STR Panther Dance band will be featured. This show, going out over WRBL in Columbus, will continue to feature a band each week, in combination with dramatic events, and the newly organized Fort Benning Theater Guild. All personnel interested in acting, directing or in producing are invited to contact the Post Public Relations office, FB 335.

The second Saturday afternoon show will go out from Service Club No. 1 from 6 to 6:30 p. m. over WDAK. This, also a presentation by the Public Relations office, will be a "Service Club of the Air" type of show. For the first one, the 2d Student Training Regiment will be featured. The Cockade Trio will be featured. For this program, all solo talent on the post is urged to contact the Public Relations office.

PROGRAM OUTLINED
For the shows on Dec. 23, the Reception Center band and chorus will combine at the Main Theater, together with the chorus from The Infantry School WAC Detachment. The band will be led by Lt. Col. Edwin A. Locke, of the Academic Regiment. The Infantry School, Locke was a well-known Boston jazz critic and radio commentator before he entered the service and spent two and a half years in the Pacific theater.

By SGT. WALTER MILLER
The South Pacific is fast becoming a hotbed of American jazz," according to Staff Sergeant Edwin A. Locke, of the Academic Regiment. The Infantry School, Locke was a well-known Boston jazz critic and radio commentator before he entered the service and spent two and a half years in the Pacific theater.

He believes that the natives of New Caledonia, Guadalcanal and the Fiji Islands have almost forgotten their own aboriginal music rhythms in favor of American jazz rhythms. They have a good feeling for syncopation. They have begun, unconsciously, perhaps, to render their own native melodies with an American jazz twist.

Sergeant Locke says he'll never forget "The Fiji Island half-caste girl who could play boogie-woogie."

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TOGETHER AGAIN—General Joseph W. Stilwell, former Chief of Staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, paid a surprise visit to Ft. Benning last week. He is shown above with Major General Willard G. Wyman, commanding the 71st Division here. Photo by Cpl. Darwin Rogers—The Infantry School.)

Hilarious Revue Set For Dec. 22

Anything can happen—and probably will—at the Main Theater on Friday, December 22, when the sparkling GI musical revue of that name, "Anything Can Happen," is presented by Service Club No. 1 under the direction of Mary Farmer Ayers, senior hostess at the club.

In the formative stage of over two months, the lavish revue went into full rehearsal early this week and appears headed for a smash hit in its Fort Benning premiere on the 22.

The fact that the revue is being produced under the supervision of Mrs. Ayers guarantees its success because she has been associated with a good many successful ventures in the post's entertainment world, including the recent water show, "Aquapoppin'" for which she did the costuming and makeup.

ACTIVE IN RADIO
Mrs. Ayers has also been active in the radio field, prior to her assignment as a Benning hostess. She has worked for both NBC and CBS and holds the distinction of producing the first broadcast ever attempted from a moving train.

General Wyman, a native of Augusta, Me., recently returned from the European Theater of operations where he served with the First Division in Sicily, France, and Germany.

He has also served in the Asiatic Theater, where he was assistant G-2 and G-3 at Headquarters of United States Forces in China, Burma, and India.

WITH STILLWELL
He was attached to Chinese armies in the 1942 Burma campaign and "walked out of Burma" with General Joseph Stilwell, who recently returned to this country. General Stilwell paid a surprise visit to Fort Benning last week-end.

Graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1918, General Wyman was commissioned a second lieutenant on November 1, 1918—just 10 days before the Armistice ended the hostilities. Promoted through the ranks, he became a brigadier general on November 4, 1943.

After serving in various capacities in the Pacific theater, he was transferred to the Asiatic in July, 1920, and was assigned to the 11th Cavalry from 1921-1925. In that year he went to the Seventh Cavalry until 1928.

TOPOGRAPHER
During his stay in China from 1928-1932, he was chief topographer for the Roy Chapman Andrews expedition to the Gobi Desert. See WYMAN, Page 2

More Activities Added To Post's Yule Calendar

More activities for Christmas and Christmas week were revealed today for Fort Benning as it was announced that the Main Post Chapel Choir will form a caravan to sing Christmas carols at different spots on the Main Post on Christmas Eve.

At the same time, additional parties for the Regional Hospital and Hospital Unit 2 were announced, with Maurine Moon, Columbus violinist, scheduled to add to the programs already planned.

In addition to religious services previously announced, special Protestant and Catholic Christmas Eve services for the Second Parachute Training Regiment will be conducted in the Alabama area chapel, with special music being featured.

The Kyril Symphony Orchestra was brought to Fort Benning for a special Christmas program on Friday evening, Dec. 22, in the Post Chapel. It was announced today by Lt. Col. Alexander H. Veazey, post special service officer.

The Kyril Symphony will perform from 7 to 9 p. m., after which the big show arranged by Miss Mary Farmer, hostess of Service Club Number 1, will move onto the boards to make it a double bill for Christmas for the personnel on the Main Post.

RADIO SLATE
Arrangements now are being made through the Post Public Relations Office to broadcast some of the special events about the post on Christmas Day, but no definite programs have yet been completed. Capt. Richard H. Tukey, Public Relations Officer, said.

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Dr. Lenroot Will Discuss EMIC Plan

Dr. Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, who will arrive in Columbus and Fort Benning on December 18 for a series of lectures on "Our Children in War Time," has long been one of the nation's feminine leaders.

She is the daughter of former U. S. Senator Irvine L. Lenroot of Wisconsin. Dr. Lenroot is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin from which she obtained her B. A. degree and later, in 1933, an honorary degree of doctor of laws.

The eminent lecturer will explain to men and women of Fort Benning and Columbus the principles of what is called the EMIC plan, meaning Emergency Maternity and Infant Care program conducted by the government for the benefit of the first four entire grades in the Army.

Dr. Lenroot's interest in this plan comes from a long background of experience in this field. She was appointed Deputy Assistant Chief, 1922-1923; Chief, 1923-1924; Director of the Social Service Division of the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, 1915-1921; Director of Editorial Division of the bureau, 1921-1922; Chief, 1922-1923; President of the National Conference of Social Work, 1935; Chairman U. S. delegation to the fifth and sixth Pan-American Child Congress, Chairman of Organizing committee of the eighth Pan-American Congress; Executive Secretary of the American Council on Child Welfare, 1924-1925; President of the International American Institute for Protection of Children, 1925-1926; President of the Association of Social Workers, of the American Association of University Women and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

VERSES SERVICE
The Christmas season will be ushered in this Sunday when the Junior Choir renders a carol service beginning at 6:30 p. m. in the Main Chapel.

At 7:30 p. m., the senior choir will sing "The Shepherd's Song" by Dickinson with Margaret Denny and Gunnar Johnson as soloists. The offertory will be "The Christmas Story" by Mrs. B. F. Willis.

WINTER SERVICE
The winter service at 8:30 p. m. will be sung by both senior and junior choir and will include anthems, carols, and hymns. The service will be taken by Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Raymond Sayers, Mrs. Carl Spragg, Mrs. Donald Mathes, Miss Christine Stewart and Gunnar Johnson.

ARMY WIVES TO WRAP GI YULE PACKAGES
Army wives are urged to help to assist in wrapping Christmas packages for Fort Benning GIs at the Postoffice on the Main Post.

This novel service, sponsored by the Red Cross in cooperation with the Women's Volunteer Committee, will give the wives the opportunity to have their presents wrapped and prepared for mailing. Tables were opened at 10 a. m. on Tuesday morning and will be maintained until Saturday, December 23.

Army wives are urged to join in this effort, spending a few hours when convenient at the Postoffice, to assist in the program. Women who are interested in further details should contact Mrs. Charles Chamberlain at Fort Benning, Ext. 8141, or Mrs. Richard Tukey, FB Ext. 3948.

AMERICAN JAZZ IS SUPPLANTING AGE-OLD ABORIGINAL MUSIC IN SOUTH PACIFIC ISLES, SAYS LOCAL EXPERT
As well as the best American amateurs. She had picked it up entirely from American recordings, too, that Java was a growing jazz center before the war. The Balinese natives find our music pretty good, but they don't like it. They collect American records in a big way.

For the jazz lover, turning on a radio in the Pacific theater is almost as enjoyable as it is at home, according to Locke.

"The Australian stations play a lot of jazz, and even Tokyo beams jazz straight to the American troops as sugar-coating for its propaganda. I enjoyed listening to a Brisbane (Australia) station which puts on a regular music-criticism hour like the one I ran before the war."

"It isn't hard to see why jazz is so popular in the South Pacific. Natives love natural, simple self-expression of everyday life," Locke says. "Jazz, you see, makes every performer a real artist. In classical music it's the composer who remains the great artist. Jazz music is really just an instrument—a good musician who reads directions, opens and shuts the right valves, or makes the proper motions at the right time. 'But in jazz,' Locke points out, 'the musician takes the composition and develops it according to his own feelings of the moment. The musician becomes the real creator, expressing himself as he feels.'

No matter how far the jazz influence reaches over the globe, Locke believes it will remain basically American.

"Jazz grows out of the American way of life. What is now known as the 'blues' began with the simple Negro

'Part Time Pooch' Is AWOL Again

"Part Time Pooch" is what they call Buster, who occasionally is the pet of the family of Lieutenant Colonel John A. Supensky, Commanding Officer of the 215th Ordnance Battalion, who resides at 222 Austin Loop here at Fort Benning.

Buster is a big, black canine of doubtful ancestry. He probably is morehound blood in his veins than that of any other species, but taken all in all, he's more of a "United Nations" dog than anything else. He's a true traveler and his tours take him the length and breadth of Fort Benning. He spends only a few months out of the year with Colonel Supensky and his family. He has connections everywhere and he evidently divides his time among them.

The last time Buster came back, the Colonel received a phone call from his son, Tommy, aged 12. "Buster is back," Tommy said excitedly, "and he's got a license and collar, everything!" Sure enough, Buster had returned for a visit, with all the trimmings. But he probably hasn't a license at present, because once before he had a license. In the prodigious pooch's peripatetic, it soon became dislodged and the same fate will likely be in store for another collar and license that any of Buster's many masters bestow upon him.

The Colonel, his wife, Mrs. Helen Supensky, and the twins, Tommy and David, expect Buster to reappear any month now. He's a very amiable dog and likes nothing better than a good tussle with Tommy and David, a few good meals, and the society of friends, before he once again embarks on a long voyage into the deserts of Nevada and the crannies of Fort Benning known only to travel. "Buster is back," Tommy said excitedly, "and he's got a license and collar, everything!"

CHRISTMAS—

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Bar Johnson, Captain Paul K. Buckles will read from the Scriptures.

The program will include "Let Caroling Be Black," "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" by Bach; Vincent's "There Were Shepherds On This Hill"; Adam's "O Holy Night"; Matthews' "The Little Door"; Erickson's "The Christ Child's Visit"; "O Come Ye Children, Great and Small" by Dickinson; Gaul's "Carol of the Doves"; "Sleep, Sweet Babe" by Staines; and Dickinson's "Shepherd's Story."

Following vespers, the senior choir will carry out of doors, stop for rest and refreshments, and return to the chapel for the midnight communion which will include "Christmas Tide," a melody of carols by Roberto Rounbourn, and an anthem "There Were Shepherds" by Vincent.

JUNIOR CHOIR

The choir program by the Junior Choir on the coming Sunday, December 17, will include Bach's "Break Forth," "Christmas Spring," a Spanish carol, and a traditional Christmas number "The Friendly Beasts" with solo parts to be taken by Robert Phillips, Susan Shine, Bobby Brislawn, and Elizabeth Knott.

The service, to be conducted by Chaplain Theodore Bacheler, will also include "The Shepherd's Christmas" with solo part by Eleanor Street; "Carol of the Doves," Dickinson's "Lullaby of the Christ Child," and the Latin hymn "Adeste Fideles." Miss Rishan Clary will serve an organist.

The junior choir includes Belinda Ball, Edgar Blair, Jerry Brislawn, Clifford and Sylvia Brown, Felix and Juanita Davis, Suzanne Gilmore, George and Harold Goddard, Jean and Joan Goss, Lora Guthrie, Doris Henderson, Martha Hughes, Lois Janner, Elizabeth and George Knott, Daisy Leedy, Donald Mann, Peggy McChlain, Ann Marshall, Robert Phillips, Susan Shine, Robert Shirik, Earl Sidler, Barbara Simpson, Paul Spehr, Eleanor Street.

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General Gaither Decorates Five

In a ceremony at Sitrop Field, day afternoon, Brigadier General Ridgely Gaither, commandant of The Parachute School, presented awards to five men of the 37th Infantry.

Staff Sergeant Thomas S. Cadoo, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cadoo, of Williston, North Dakota, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action. Sergeant Cadoo was a member of the American Division at Guadalcanal from October 1942 until March, 1943—the first Marine division reinforced by the Army.

The Bronze Star was awarded to Technician Fifth Grade Alexander F. Bohovic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bohovic, of Cleveland, Ohio. At Bougainville, on March 13, 1944, Corporal Bohovic prevented an ammunition explosion by promptly extinguishing fire at the risk of his own safety, thereby saving a 90 mm. gun and the lives of his comrades.

For meritorious service in Italy, on January 22, 1944, Private First Class R. E. Couch won a Division Citation. He was fighting at the banks of a strategic river, when his battalion was compelled to withdraw from an untenable position. The commanding officer called for a strength report. Despite the hazards involved in the assignment, Private Couch, a runner, volunteered to carry the report to the Battalion Command Post. He faced deadly artillery and machine-gun fire, but continued to his destination, delivering the report to the commanding officer. Private Couch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Couch of Winfield, Alabama.

The Expert Infantry and Combat Infantry badges were presented to Corporal Walter V. Hammon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hammon, of San Francisco; and Private Merle Hanger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hanger, of Albany, Indiana.

JAZZ—

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1918 to 1941, George Frazier, now associate editor of a national musical magazine, worked with Locke on his program for three years.

Rotated back to the States after serving as an infantryman on Guadalcanal and Bougainville, Sergeant Locke is now assigned to the training literature and visual aids section of The Infantry School.

Son of Edwin A. Locke of 209 Atlantic street, North Quincy, Mass., he is married to the former Miss Yvonne Neal of 322 Park avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass., who now resides with him at 2305 Schaui street, Columbus, Ga.

The sky's the limit for the ingenuity of the American Army, as the Japs and Germans have learned to their sorrow. That's what relates the Coronet Story Teller in a broadcast in December 40, the Colonel of Engineers could build airfields on one-week on a South Pacific island without bulldozers, road graders—and the necessary skilled men!

For five solid hours, the Colonel hit his head against a stone wall, trying to think of a way to build airfields in the jungle without men or equipment in a week. Soldiers and Marines were out—his job was fighting. The scattered native tribes? They were ineffectual without tools and the best he could offer were a couple of packages of razor blades and a portable vic. "Vic-hm!" The Colonel started to let ideas. Chances were that his plan might be absurd but he was willing to take that chance. He set out to find a native guide—those fields had to be finished in one week!

That night the Colonel of the U. S. Army Engineers made a tour of investigation among the men of his jungle sector in the Solomon Islands, facing his strange request with the explanation that he was going to build landing fields. The men thought he'd had a sun stroke, but rumormongered around and brought forth their treasured contributions. With a careful eye toward his objective the Colonel selected what he considered suitable and next day, veiled in mystery and accompanied by one native guide and one portable victrola, he set out, relates the Coronet Story Teller. After a tedious trip through the tangled mess of tall grass and vegetation, the Colonel and his guide finally arrived at a clearing that marked the outskirts of a small tribal village.

The Colonel was scared, says the Coronet Story Teller. For the next few minutes would prove whether he had labored in vain or whether he had stumbled across a stupendous idea. A half hour later, the Colonel, his guide and the village natives gathered within the area designated for a landing field in the Colonel's orders. As the native guide slowly translated the Colonel's words into their idiom, the eyes of the natives grew wide with excitement.

A week later, the Colonel and his guide came back to camp to find the natives building. And, concludes the Coronet Story Teller, the only tool the Colonel had used in building his landing fields were human feet—those of the scattered native tribes who pounded the ground to a perfect level in their feathery tribal dances—as they held a native jam session—Jo to the record music of Benny Goodman and Louis Armstrong.

The Coronet Story Teller, a radio program created by Coronet magazine, is broadcast Mondays through Fridays over the Blue Network.

The teacher was explaining the difference between abstract and concrete.

"Concrete means something you can see, abstract something you can't," she said. "Who'll give an illustration?"

Johnny: My pants are concrete, yours are abstract.

BETTY G. I.



Troopers Plan Male Chorus

A male chorus is being formed at The Parachute School under the sponsorship of Lieutenant Colonel Bruce W. Bell, Welfare and Recreation Officer.

On Monday, December 18, at 7 p. m., a meeting will be held at the Welfare and Recreation Office, situated opposite the Communications Building, near Lawson Field, of all those who like music and who derive pleasure from singing. Colonel Bell emphasizes the fact that it is not necessary to be a professional musician to join the chorus; it is not even essential to have an outstanding voice. The only prerequisite is the ability to sing in key. Otherwise all that is required for a man to become a member of the Parachute School chorus is a genuine love of singing.

"There is perhaps no greater pleasure in the world than singing," Colonel Bell explains. "And the most pleasurable kind of singing is that in which you raise your voice in community with other voices in the songs every body loves. That pleasure is not within the reach of the men of The Parachute School."

It is expected that the chorus when it is finally organized and trained, will give concerts at The Parachute School. If the chorus proves good enough it may even go on tour.

The Welfare and Recreation Office is also in need of a competent pianist to accompany the chorus. Experienced pianists are invited to attend the meeting next Monday.

Visitor (in defense plant): "Look at that youngster with the short hair and slacks. It's hard to tell whether it is a boy or girl."

War Worker: "She's a girl, and my daughter, at that."

Visitor: "Pardon me, sir. I would not have said that if I had known you were her father."

The worker: "I'm not, I'm her mother."

War Bond Best Way To Invest, Says Veteran

"America's best investment is war bonds," asserted Sgt. Arthur Gibson, World War I veteran now stationed at Fort Benning's Armed Forces Induction Station, as he purchased his extra bond in connection with the Sixth War Loan Drive.

"What other American investment has such attractions as a war bond?" asked Sgt. Gibson. "Immediately it will help to buy that one-way ticket home, via Tokyo and Berlin, for the boys over there. That's what they fight and die for. Then, too, bonds are a wonderful personal investment. They will be of great value after the war. They are truly a great American investment."

In addition to having bought three \$10.00 bonds, Sgt. Gibson has bought a bond per month since the inception of the Army's bond buying program. Major E. L. Turbyfill, commanding officer of the AFIS, is proud of this page-setter and other members of the station who have excellent bond buying records.

In the fall of 1942, Sgt. Gibson, who was then following the civilian occupation of traveling salesman, by chance heard an Army radio appeal for the reenlistment of World War I veterans. He immediately responded to the call and began his second hitch in October of that year.

The sergeant first entered the service in 1912. He saw service on the Mexican border in 1916. From 1917 until the armistice, he recruited in Alabama. His discharge was received in September, 1922.

Mrs. Gibson is a dietitian in the AAF training center at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, while the other member of the family, a daughter, is a laboratory technician in a government hospital at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Each member of this all-American family buys bonds regularly through war bond plan.

BROTHERS REUNITED IN SAME PLANE CREW

TOPEKA, Kans. (ALNS)—Back early in 1942, Charles Gibson, of Charlotte, N. C., entered the service and was assigned to the air corps. A year later his brother, Albert Gibson, followed suit, and was also assigned to aviation. A short time ago they were reunited, when both found themselves members of the same crew on a Liberator bomber, based at a local army air field.

TIS Grad Stands Off Nazi Tank Battalion Alone

Slugging it out alone with an entire battalion of German Tiger tanks while armed only with an M-1 rifle and a few hand grenades, Lt. Carl C. Palm, who was commissioned at The Infantry School, May 2, 1944, established what may be a record when he finished the fight victorious and without a scratch.

The first time Lieutenant Palm was ever in action, and during the first few hours, he attacked five German Tiger tanks and accompanying German infantry; killed all five tank commanders with his rifle; killed a German Command Post, killing three officers; and finally played hide and seek with an entire German battalion in the town of Prummen, Luxembourg.

He continued his siege of the command post all night and into the next day, when his battalion commander located him, because the infantry was planning another attack of the town.

A former New York City policeman whose home is in Brooklyn, Lieutenant Palm has been cited in his division's dispatches and also in British dispatches, since his division was operating under British command at the time.

In addition to being on a regular GI Movie circuit, other films of interest to soldiers are procured, and under the direction of Pvt. Marvin W. Farber, of Indianapolis, Indiana, are displayed each Wednesday evening.

The first program consisted of three shows: "Forgotten Treasure," old newsreel shots of past days, "Mistral Days," a history of the Minstrel shows, and "Age of Flight," a story of the development of aviation.

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ASF Personnel Yule Furlough Policy Outlined

Policies pertaining to the granting of leaves and furloughs to Army Service Forces personnel, both military and civilian, during the forthcoming holiday season were announced this week by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, in a staff memorandum. The memo is based on a letter from Fourth Service Command Headquarters, dated December 6.

Following general War Department policies governing leaves and furloughs between December 15 and January 8, Fort Benning post headquarters will refrain, except in case of extreme personal emergency, from granting annual leave or furlough plus travel time, except that not more than ten per cent of military strength is to be on leave and or furlough at any one time during the period December 15 to January 8. No leaves or furloughs will be granted which permit military personnel to commence their travel from either station or home during the period December 24 to December 25 inclusive.

Civilian employees who postponed their summer vacation leave during the Christmas season are being urged to postpone further such a contemplated vacation until January 8.

This policy was designed to reduce as much as possible the added tremendous burden which will be placed on public transportation facilities during the holidays.

Railroads have already announced that they are using all rolling stock available at all times to meet the wartime transportation crisis and that their only means of adding coaches is to shift cars from one run to another if it is at all possible. To take care of their patrons the bus lines are running every available vehicle and at that time numbers of passengers are forced to stand, especially on week-ends.

PICK UP THE PILOTS TO FLY JET PLANES

BAKERSFIELD, Cal. (A1NS)—Jet planes will be flown by the pick of the pilots in American aviation, the War Department declared, when it was disclosed that this city will be the headquarters for the jet-propelled P-59 Comet training.

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Officers' Wives Wrap Gifts For Troopers

Paratroopers, bring your Christmas presents to Service Club No. 7 in the Alabama area and get them gift wrapped free-of-charge in the gayest of Christmas wrappings.

Mrs. George Van Horn Mosley, Jr., wife of the Commanding Officer of the Alabama area, cooperating with Mrs. Nancy K. Slaught, assistant hostess of the club, has worked out a schedule which began Tuesday night, December 5, with Mrs. Albert Army Kronheim, Mrs. Harrison B. Harden and Mrs. Lucian B. Cox, serving; and will be in operation each Tuesday and Thursday night until Christmas, with wives of staff officers of the Alabama area assisting.

Yards and yards of green, red and holly ribbons, the gayest of Christmas papers and enclosure cards for your choosing are here in abundance to make your Christmas present to your wife, sweetheart, mother or father, or friend, one that will be remembered for its gayness and originality of wrapping.

Alternate nights the staff of the Service Club and library will be on hand to assist with the wrapping. So bring your packages and get them off in time for Santa to deliver on time.

2d Army Swing Quartet on Air Over WRBL Tonite

Five topflight swing artists who make up the Quintet of the Second Army Dance Band will appear with some of their best numbers Thursday evening on "Special Music by Special Troops," Second Army radio program at 6 p. m. over Radio Station WRBL.

The quintet, consisting of Bernie Bennett at piano, Stix House on the drums, Lew Clemenson on the sax, Jim Leacy with the double bass, and Hank Sinitay at trumpet, will play 10 minutes of their best selections for radio listeners alternating from the sweet and soft to red-hot boogie woogie.

The Quintet, which is the nucleus of the Second Army Band, will play among other numbers, "I'll Be Seeing You," "It's Love, Love, Love," and "Basin Street Blues," the last named being one of their most encored arrangements.

The band is under the supervision of Lt. Col. A. H. Vazzy, Post Second Army Special Services, and Sgt. Larry Sloan will do the announcing for the show.

KRAUT CONTRIBUTES TO WAR BOND ORDER

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (A1NS)—Private First Class Bob Kraut, who is with the U.S. Army in France, sent his wife \$20 which he got from a German casualty. He used it to buy a War Bond in the Sixth War Loan campaign.

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Rubin's Timepiece Is Out of This World

Some watches are timepieces, some are heirlooms, but the watch carried by Cpl. Louis D. Rubin, Jr., 4th Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, is a masterpiece.

It is a masterpiece in the sense that there is no other watch quite like it, in this or the next world. For instance, instead of a second hand, this watch has a tiny carpenter, made of silver, pounding the top of a barrel (also made of silver), with a miniature silver hammer, as he beats out the seconds.

According to Rubin, the watch, "Keeps on very good time, but makes so damn much noise, that it must be covered at night, or demolition squads will be out looking for time bombs—and sometimes bunk mates threaten violence."

The timepiece is two inches in diameter, three-quarters of an inch thick, and has a double case. It is about 35 years old, and was given to Rubin by an uncle a number of years ago.

Other specifications of the unusual watch include a seven jewel movement, and the fact that it runs "for days" without winding. He gives as his reason for carrying the pocket version of London's "Big Ben"—"Well, the Army is kind of rough and the watch takes the bumps so well."

TPS AG Made Lieut. Colonel

The Parachute School has just announced that its Adjutant General, Major Marvin V. Johnston, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. His promotion followed closely this transfer from The Infantry School to The Parachute School. Colonel Johnston was assigned to The Parachute School in September of this year. The colonel began his military career at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in 1933, with the 23rd Infantry. He remained at that post until August, 1940, when he was assigned as regimental sergeant major with the 4th Infantry, an element of the 9th Division, and was transferred to Fort Bragg, N. C. In October 1941, Colonel Johnston was transferred to Fort Benning to serve as sergeant major with the 88th Infantry Battalion. Called to active duty in March 1942, as a second lieutenant, he served successively at The Infantry School as officer in charge of the enlisted section, the special section, and as assistant adjutant general.

Hanukkah Rites Stated Friday

The annual Jewish Feast of Lights also known as Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication will be observed by Jewish personnel at Fort Benning, with appropriate ceremonies on Friday evening. This holiday which commemorates the victory of Judas Maccabeus over the ancient Syrian tyrant Antiochus, sometimes called the "Festival of antiquity, who attempted to force idol worship upon Judea more than 2000 years ago is observed by Jews during the lighting of special candles for a period of eight days. This festival commemorates annually the universal principle of religious freedom.

The major observance of this festival at Fort Benning will take place at the Friday evening service at 7:30 p. m. at the children's school on the main post. Chaplain Benjamin H. Gorrellick will conduct the service and will preach a sermon on "The Lights of Victory." The ceremony of lighting the Hanukkah lights will be conducted by Lt. David Sklar who will also be in charge of the musical part of the service. Special holiday refreshments will be served by the Jewish Welfare Board.

Chaplain Gorrellick will also conduct the following additional Hanukkah services on the post for the patients at the ASF, 17 December at Theatre No. 2 at 9:30 a. m.; and Sand Hill on Monday, 18 December at Chapel No. 2 at 7:30 p. m.

An invitation is also extended to all Jewish personnel at Fort Benning and their friends to attend the special Hanukkah service at Temple B'nai Israel, 10th street and Fourth Ave., Columbus on Friday evening, 15 December at 8 p. m. E.W.T. A reception will follow the service.

Troopers Attend West Point Dance

Thirty lucky troopers found themselves invited to a swell shindig last Saturday evening. The Girls Business English Class at West Point, Georgia, sent The Parachute School an invitation for 30 troopers to be their guests at a dance held at the General Tyler Hotel in West Point. It was a gesture of admiration on the part of the class to its favorite branch of service.

The 30 troopers who attended this function were chosen from

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Incidentally, talking about "Sportscasting," did you know that the column is now on the air once every week over Radio WDAK in Columbus at 6:24 EWT every Friday night. The general idea of the 15-minute radio spot is to give a general review of the week in sports and also to present interviews with interesting sports personalities at Fort Benning. So tune in tomorrow night at 1230 on your dial.

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First Team
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 John Donahue (3rd)
 Cecil Kemp (4th)
 Joe Palowski (4th)
 Fred Huff (3rd)
 T. Taylor (3rd)
 Billy Meek (4th)
 Bill Hillenbrand (3rd)
 Tom Mont (4th)
 Dick McPhee (4th)

Notable by their absence, of course, are those three stellar Cockade backs, Lou Saben, Chuck Jacoby and Billy Reinhardt, who were on the shelf most of the year with injuries. Naturally, they'd be included on our dream squad as would George Hecht, the place-kick-demon of the Raiders. But, we were picking this dream team on Stadium performances—and friends, that's the way we saw 'em from the press box. And remember, before you start throwing rotten tomatoes, that's only one man's opinion.

Johnson and Hillenbrand, incidentally, have both become heroes locally which is quite something in this Georgia Bulldog belt where you just aren't a football player—if you didn't play at Georgia. At any rate, Clyde (The Immovable Object) and Billy (The Irresistible Force) have been much in demand for banquet appearances in Columbus. They were co-starred Tuesday night at the Raision when the Lion's Club feasted the Bi-City Champs from Central High School. The high school kids get a big kick out of meeting the former All-Americans—and they'd do well to pattern their careers after the Benning gridders because they are both great athletes and dandy fellows.

Orchid-of-the-Week—To Capt. Charles R. Houghland, mentor of the powerful Reception Center grid aggregation which wound up its campaign on Saturday with an impressive 19-12 triumph over a collegiate All-Star array in Atlanta. In two complete seasons of play under Houghland's tutelage, the Tigers lost only one game and that by the slender margin of a single point, a 7-6 defeat at the hands of Tuskegee Army Field's mighty Warhawks. The Tigers also were ducked twice this year, while in 1943, they were both undefeated and untied. That's quite a record in any coach's book, and as result, Capt. Houghland, who used to be a great lineman at Notre Dame in the days of the immortal George Gipp, figures it is time for him to retire from coaching. It's not his civilian profession and as a matter of fact, the Tigers are the only team he has ever coached. We'd say that for a novice (?) he does very much all right.

Football's anti-climax on New Year's Day this year will pack very little punch. Only bowl attraction that looks like a thriller is the Orange Bowl affair with Tulsa pitted against Georgia Tech. Duke, Southern Cal, and Oklahoma Aggies should win the other tilts with ease. As Coach Wallace Butts, the Georgia mentor told us recently, Alabama (which the Bulldogs conquered) and Tennessee hardly rated bowl tilts. They simply aren't in a class with the opposition, but both schools fortunately picked their spots this year with schedules strictly in their own camp. Frank Thomas the Cuban Tide mentor, summed up Bama's schedule policies last summer in his terse reply to Georgia Tech's request for a game with the Tide. Replied Thomas: "Why should I make great coaches out of you?"

There are a couple of fisticuffs here at Benning who deserve a whole lot of credit for their gameness in providing boxing entertainment for the C's. They are the unassuming heroes, Bryan Bass and Frank Esposito, who serve as sparring partners for Beau Jack and Al Hostak, the former world champs, in their exhibitions about the post. Bass has been stepping into the squared circle with the Bouncing Beau for the past six months, and has undoubtedly absorbed a lot of punishment from the falling fists of the former lightweight titleholder. Esposito, a likely-looking light-heavyweight prospect who like Hostak is a paratrooper, has just recently started squaring off against Hostak. His first appearance against the West Coaster was at the post gym a couple weeks ago and last week he went three rounds with the ex-champ over in the Alabama area. It takes a lot of guts for a guy to get in there against Beau Jack or Hostak—but both Bass and Esposito have got it, and they rate plenty of bows for the contribution they are making to boxing entertainment at the post.

The 1944-45 TIS baseball campaign which gets underway Sunday should provide many a thrill between now and next March. Although the calibre of ball probably won't be as high as last year's (which was as good as anywhere in the nation), the competition may be much closer. As the teams go to the wire, the powerful 4th Infantry Shields, boasting three members of last year's crack 6th Regt. Eagles in their fold, loom as a slight favorite, but it may develop into a four or five team race. Undoubtedly Milt Tico, Danny Gabbianelli and Charley Bamberger (the ex-Eagles), playing together for their second year, will lead the Shields to a great finish. Then too, the 5th Inf. All-American Art Mathisen, captain and pivot of the Illinois Whiz Kids of two seasons ago, Mathisen's teammate, Gene Vance, incidentally is a key man on the 4th Infantry entry in the loop. All in all it looks like a big court season. See ya Sunday at the 6:30 or 8:00 sports arena.

WEEK'S ODDITY—Sad Sacks aren't always what the name implies. In the POW Camp Bowling League the Sad Sacks are leading the loop, no less, with ten victories and only two defeats. The Dopes, however, are doing okay by riding along in the cellar position!

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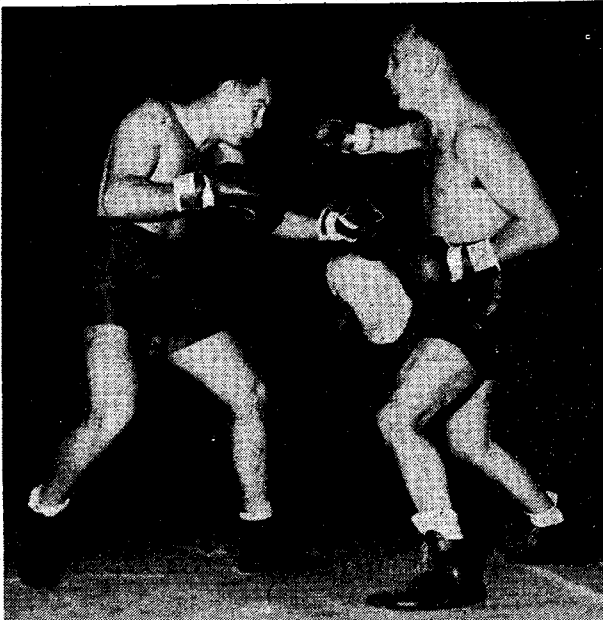
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TIS Basketball Circuit Opens Sunday With Six Fast Teams Entered In Race



5TH INFANTRY SHIELDS, shown above, will rate as slight favorites in the first-half Infantry School League court race when the six entries go to the wire Sunday. Left to right, they are: Benny Zientara (ex-Prof) Charley Bamberger (ex-Eagle), Marshall Nesmith (ex-Miss. State), Elmer Madden (Shield baseball star), Jack Brown (ex-Indiana All-State), Bill Campbell (ex-Idaho), Danny Gabbianelli (ex-Georgetown and Eagles), Joe Mattingly (ex-Indiana), Dale Barnstable (ex-Illinois), and Milt Tico (ex-Kentucky and Eagles). Last winter, while stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado, the 5th Infantry won both the post title and the 71st Division crown and the Shields were also the runner-up in the Greater Colorado Springs Service Tourney, which had 82 entries. The 5th lost the playoff to Spokane (Wash.) Air Base by two points. Barnstable, Mattingly and Madden are holdovers from that club.



FLURRY OF PUNCHES, shown above, took place last Thursday night in the Alabama Area Gym when Frank Esposito (left) boxed five-round exhibition with Al Hostak (right), the former world, middleweight champ from the West Coast. Both are full-fledged paratroopers at TPS and their exciting ring exhibitions have already thrilled thousands of troops here at the post. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Parachute School.)

Al Hostak and Frank Esposito Thrill Paratroopers With 5-Round Exhibition

Climaxing a night of fisticuffs, former middleweight titleholder, Al Hostak, 168, and Frank Esposito, 160, hard hitting Jersey heavyweight, treated a thousand Alabama area paratroopers to as fine a five rounder as ever seen in Fort Benning.

As cagey as ever, with his hands better than ever, Hostak displayed a lethal left hook that shook his heavier adversary. The third and fifth rounds. Always boring in, Esposito, who fought professionally, looked good with straight jabs and held his own with the "grand old master" on the in-fighting.

It was strictly "east meets west" as Hostak hails from Seattle, while Frank calls Jersey City his home. Both are paratroopers.

In the semi-windup, Jacob West, 160, of Kentucky and Battery "K" and Lucky Hedgepeth, 160, Pittsburgh Pa., of Headquarters and Service Co., tangled in a no-decision triple rounder that started slow, but turned into a real slug-fest in the final stanza. Both boys served in Panama, and they were both service champions in their divisions.

During the evening, the

RC Baseballers Feted At Party

Members of the Reception Center baseball team and its coach, Captain J. W. Rhinehardt, were honored at the annual baseball banquet recently in the Reception Center Headquarters Company Mess Hall.

In the principal address of the evening, Colonel John P. Edgerly, Reception Center Commanding Officer, lauded the team for its outstanding record during the past season. The RC Tigers won 47 games, which represented the best record of any Post team for the year. The colonel personally commended certain members of the team for their outstanding sportsmanship.

YOUNG TOP HITTER

The leading hitter of the team was "Pepper" Young, huge first baseman, with an average of .409. Following closely behind Young was Fred Wilson, right fielder, with a batting average of .398.

Members of the team included a squad of 14 men, who are as follows: Pitchers: "Peanut" Davis, "Lefty" Jones, Sunny Jim

Twin Bill Slated for Post Gym; Raider-Cockade Battle at Arena

Six teams are entered in The Infantry School Basketball league which opens Sunday afternoon with two games in the Main Post Gymnasium and a third at the Harmony Church Sports Arena. Feature game of the first day's schedule will pit the 1st STR Wolves against the 5th Infantry Shields at the Main Post gym and the 3d Infantry Cockades against the 4th Infantry Raiders at Harmony Church.

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

(Main Post Gym)
 1st STR vs. 5th Infantry (2 p. m.)
 Acad. Rgt. vs. 787th Tankers (3:30 p. m.)
 (Harmony Church Arena)
 4th Infantry vs. 3d Infantry (2 p. m.)

The Cockades, Tankers and Shields will be making their league debuts. However, the Shields have three members of last year's 6th Regt. Eagles in their lineup, and will be far from sluggish either at the gym or Harmony Church.

The trio of former Eagles who will be in the starting lineup for the Shields is Milt Tico, Danny Gabbianelli and Charley Bamberger. Art Mathisen, former star at the University of Illinois and Dale Barnstable, another former Illinois star, give the Shields a powerful team on paper. As a matter of fact, the Shields have looked very impressive in pre-season games and might be the team to beat for the league title.

WOLVES SET

Turning to the Wolves, who have been playing since early November, John "Bert" Smith, former All-New England center at Providence College; Dan Vujnovic, a fine set shot, Paul Derrickson and Walter Labac, a pair of good guards, are expected to carry the burden of the team's attack.

John Partenhelm, former University of Indiana star, is player-coach of the Wolves who will hang with the Tankers, Bill Loeiselle, a high-scoring center from Creighton University, is one of the standouts on the team. Loeiselle has been scoring in double-figures in pre-season games and is a great set shot. Ed Evans, a fast breaking forward, is another experienced player. Nothing is known about the Tankers who failed to submit a roster before the paper went to press.

COCKADES-RAIDERS

The game between the Cockades and the Raiders should turn out to be one of the best of the season. The Raiders seem to have a habit of beating the Cockades, but never before an interesting battle and this game should be a typical tilt between the two.

Ellis Vance, former member of the Illinois "Whiz Kids" and all-Big Ten guard two seasons back, headlines the Raider squad. Tom Mont is player-coach and other dependables will include Les Feden, star of last year's team and former star performer at Texas A. & M.; Jim Homer, All-Southeastern center from the University of Alabama; Lee Lodge, onetime western Maryland ace, and "Cotton" Jones, who played with the University of Arkansas when that team was one of the best in the country.

LUJACK TUTOR

The Cockades will be making their league appearance under the coaching of Al Lujack, former All-America forward from the University of Minnesota. Lujack, former Notre Dame star, played two seasons ago on the Rhode Island State point-guard and was a member of the 1940 Olympic team. Billy Hillenbrand, the football star, has been showing up well in practice games.

4th Inf. Termites, Ex-Nome Champ Bid For USO Title

Undeclared champions of the Nome, Alaska, Basketball League in 1942, the Company H, 4th Infantry, "Termites," of the Infantry School, are now strong contenders for the American USO Basketball League crown which is underway at the 8th STR in Columbus.

After dropping the first game to the 1st STR Wolves, the Termites came back strong to defeat the Hq. Company, 2nd Bn. (4th Inf.) team, and the 787 Tank Bn., and are now on fourth rung of the league ladder.

The Termites, virtually the same contingent which won the Nome championship, boast a flashy combination with Ralph Danielson and Ed Kraus at guards; Don "Red" Thompson and Sgt. Joseph Thigpen of Special Service Office, "Red" and Marvin Orr at center.

In addition to Company H and Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. teams, the Provisional Truck Company of the 4th Infantry also has a team entered in the USO League.

SPORTRAIT - - - By 'TAP'



Tiger Quintet Downs 2d STR

Captain David A. Hess' Reception Center basketballers turned back the 2nd STR, 43 to 21, in a hot encounter at the Harmony Church Sports Arena last Thursday evening.

Although the Reception Center team was well in the lead throughout the game, which was witnessed by a near-capacity crowd, many of the 2nd STR players turned in remarkable games. Louis Evans and S. Wayman Callman of the RC aggregation were highpoint men of the night with 12 and 11 points respectively.

STARTING FIVE

The starting line-up for the Tigers included Lionel Newsome, team captain, and Louis Evans, guard; J. B. Faulx and Oscar Pendleton, forwards and Callman, center. Replacements for the evening were Horatio Lamar, and Al

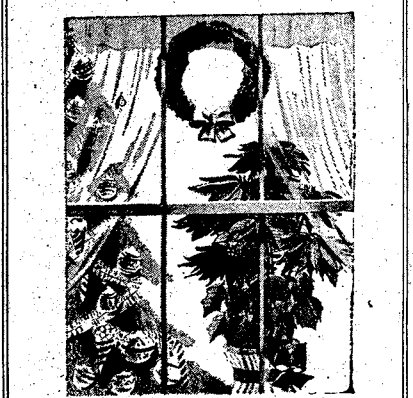
Packer-Giant Game Sunday Will Be On WDAK at 2 O'Clock

Allen Woodall, manager of Radio Station WDAK in Columbus, announced late Wednesday that the station would carry a day-by-play account of the Professional Football Championship game this Sunday between the Green Bay Packers and the New York Giants.

The game will start at 2 p. m. EWT, and you can tune in WDAK at 1230 kilocycles on your dial.

PLAY TUSKEGEE

Thursday's game was the second of the season for the fighting RC quint. In the previous game, they defeated the 1st STR, by a score of 10 to 20. On Saturday, Capt. Hess and Capt. Jones will take the team to Tuskegee Institute to meet the Golden Tigers in Tuskegee's Logan Hall gym.



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RC Tiger Gridders Wallop All-Stars

Finish Fine Season With 19-12 Triumph

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Ft. Benning Reception Center Tigers defeated the Atlanta All-Stars here last Saturday by a score of 19 to 12 in the Tigers' final game of the season played at Ponce De Leon Park. The game was given for the benefit of a proposed \$50,000 Negro health center to be located in Atlanta. The Atlanta All-Stars were composed of stars from Morehouse and Morris Brown colleges.



ALL-STARS SCORE

In the first three minutes of the game the All-Stars made the first score of the game. The Tigers kicked down to the five yard line and passed to Langham for the 30 yard line. Green again carried, and clipped off a first down around the Tiger left end. On a reverse Green picked off another first down for the All-Stars. Duffield, All-Star halfback, picked up yardage sufficient for their third consecutive first down and placed the ball on the Tiger 30 yard line.

USE T-FORMATION

The Tigers changed to the T-formation with Harrison on the pivot. With able blocking support, Williams ripped the ball to the 20 yard line on two plays. The Tigers' first threat was thwarted by a total of 35 yards yielded in penalties with the Tiger line in the game. Being pushed back across the mid-field stripe by penalties, Williams kicked off out of bounds on the All-Star 20.

This time the All-Stars found themselves faced by an entirely solid team from the line over, when they had scored in the opening minutes of the game. Their every effort to increase their six point lead in the game met with strong opposition. Smith was being rushed to the point that his rifle-like passes were being cut off by the Tiger line. Williams was hit hard after picking up 10 yards. Williams went off tackle for five yards. Big Jack Hart broke through the All-Star line and moved the ball down to the 30. Hart again picked up 10 yards but he fumbled and the All-Stars took over with their backs against the wall. The quarter ended All-Stars 6; Tigers 0.

TIGERS GAIN LEAD

The Tigers, fighting desperately to capture the six point lead of the All-Stars, began slashing viciously at the throats of the All-Stars. The All-Stars short line was taken by Williams on the 45 yard line. Williams was penalized for taking excessive steps after signaling for a fair moving the line. The Tigers again yielded another 20 yards for two penalties. Mike Chestnut in for N. Smith, takes a pass from Hart, which was good for 10 yards. Hart's kick was taken by Smith on his seven yard line and run back to the 12 where he was hit hard. The Tiger line part caused a fumble and the Tigers took over.

The All-Star forward wall slatted in and pushed the Tiger line for about 12 loss. Again the Tigers were penalized. Penalties and losses pushed the ball back short of the 50 yard line. The Tiger line moved the coffin corner and went out on the five yard line. On the exchange of punts the Tiger took over on the 45 yard line. Crews in for Hart, picked up seven yards in a spectacular run filled through the line. Leo Harrison, with high, hard running, passed

As the old year galloped down the homestretch, we are in the grip of that demon, nostalgia. Someone recently sent us a clipping of SKI COLUMNS from a Boston, Mass., paper, and do we sing for the snow country after perusing the paragraphs, written by a former competitor... There MUST be a few ski enthusiasts here at Fort Benning, and we wish they would please contact the writer so that we might talk about our beloved sport. We haven't had any hickories under our boots since leaving Camp Hale and the Ski Troops many moons ago. The news emanating from the key ski spots in New England indicates that many of the major centers will operate as usual during the coming season. Last Winter, there were thousands of flying figures stippling the white slopes, the majority, of course, servicemen on pass or furlough, augmented by the inevitable Fair Sex—one reason for the great popularity of the sport... Among the places that will again be in full ski-swing are North Conway in the famed Eastern Slopes Region of New Hampshire, where Hanes Schneider's Ski School will lure the "snow bunnies." Pico Peak also expects throngs, while Snow Valley in Vermont is ready for the White Bums... SPORTSLANTS: Hank Gowdy, first Big Leaguer to enlist in the last war and recently a major at this post, will return to his coaching duties for the Cincinnati Reds next Spring. His many friends at Fort Benning wish him the best of luck... Lefty O'Doul, once star Dodger swatter, hated Japs all over the lot during major league exhibition games in Japan in 1932. His slugging made him a national hero in the land of the Sinking Sun. When Lefty departed for the U. S. A., they gave him an eight-foot bat. "I'd like to use it on them now," declared Lefty... This was Yale's first undefeated season on the gridiron since 1924.

quarterback, broke through the line and carried the ball to the All-Star 20. Williams sliced off tackle to the 12 yard line and carried over on the next play on a sweep around his right end. Williams went over standing up. The conversion. Both teams featured punts and passes during the remaining part of the first half. Both teams, seemingly, were playing for what could have been a break of the game—a fumble. At the close of the first half the Tigers lead 7; All-Stars 6.

TIGERS SCORE
At the opening of the third period the All-Stars recovered a Tiger fumble on the Tigers 30 yard line. Fighting desperately to score the All-Stars took to the air. The first pass of the attack found the hands of Geo. Hollingsworth, hard runner. The Tiger halfback, replacing Crews, The Tigers picked up one first down but were forced to kick to the All-Stars. At this stage in the game both teams were fighting desperately to keep their backs to the wall. The All-Stars, after the exchange of punts, moved the pass got trapped in the hands of Leo Harrison on his own 43 yard line. Macon Williams ripped off 40 yards in a spectacular run filled through the line. Leo Harrison, with high, hard running, passed

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WACademics Trounce Two City Sextets

The WACademic basketballers from WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School, started their Co-Ed Basketball season by trouncing the Swift Manufacturing girls 38-10-3 last Thursday night at the Harmony Church sports arena, and the Tom Huston Pea-Plant Company women 24-7 Friday evening at the Main Post gym.

Playing women's rules, with three forwards and three guards, the WAC "six" held the Swift women scoreless for the entire first half while themselves singing the twine for eight field goals.

SWIFTES RALLY
In the second half the Swifts rallied weakly to drop in one double-point and a free throw, while the WACs helped themselves to another 22 points, only two of them by foul shots. Curry and Brooks led the way for the WACs, dropping in six field goals apiece.

Friday night, the Huston women scored five of their seven points on foul shots but failed to convert 10 other fouls chalked up against the WACs. The Harmony Church women, on the other hand, made good on six out of 12 foul throws in the first half alone, at the end of which they were leading 18-10-4.

FISCHLIN STARS
In the second half they looped in four more field goals to three single-pointers by the individual women, emerging winner 24-7. Marge Fischlin, women's All-American forward in 1937, led WAC scoring with eight points.

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Raider Ping-Pong Tourney Boasts 59 Contestants

With a field of 59 contestants representing thirteen companies, the 4th Infantry Ping-Pong Tournament, entered the first round Monday with three matches. Up to and including Thursday 10 matches had been played on the official tournament table located in the Special Service building. Tournament matches are determined by the best of three games, with the exception of the semi-final and final matches, which will be determined by the best of five games.

One of the hottest contests of the opening round established Jim DeCelle of Company C as a major contender for the table-tennis crown. DeCelle eliminated another tough customer, Mel Kittleson of Company A, after Kittleson had won the first game of the three-game series. DeCelle came back to win the next two games, each by a score of 21-19.

Other players who appeared as leading contenders for the ping-pong crown are Bill Mertens of Co. G, 1st Bn., Henry "Frank" Timko of Cannon Co.

Following are the results of matches as of Thursday evening, Dec. 7:

Winner	Score	Losers
DeCelle-Co. C	21-19, 21-19	Kittleson-Co. A
Timko-Co. G	21-19, 21-19	Wright-Co. B
Partridge-Co. F	21-19, 21-19	Stewart-Co. D
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ASST. MESS OFFICER
First Lieutenant William W. Wilson, has been appointed assistant mess officer of the Academic Regiment. The Infantry School, regimental headquarters announced this week.

Col. Ross Wins Golf Match In Major Upset

The semifinals in the Officers' Club Christmas Turkey Tournament were completed last week-end, leaving 16 players to fight it out in the finals, which are to be played on or before Sunday, December 19.

In the major upset of the tournament, Colonel Ross defeated Lt. Kuntz, 2-1. The latter was picked to win by an easy margin, but by shooting par golf on the first 9, Col. Ross picked up a lead which his opponent could not overcome.

Other features were an extra hole match in which Col. O'Mahundro defeated Col. Cooper in 20 holes of play, and another match which required 20 holes to reach a decision between Lt. Col. Browning and Capt. Yoder.

Results of all matches were as follows:

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight
Col. Ross defeated Lt. Kuntz 2-1	Capt. P. H. Cronin defeated Capt. F. Chapman 2-1	Capt. G. R. Hennan defeated Major Herb Cooper 4-2	Capt. P. C. Stewart defeated Maj. W. D. Kirk 1-0
Col. J. S. Moore defeated Capt. J. B. Scherer 4-2	Capt. W. H. O'Mahundro defeated Lt. E. A. Allen 2-0	Capt. J. C. Townsend defeated Capt. A. R. Shupe 2-0	Capt. W. E. Laggner defeated Capt. A. C. Steinhardt 3-2
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HONORED—Billy Hillenbrand (top), great triple-threat back of the 3d Infantry Cocksades, and Clyde Johnson, brilliant tackle of the 4th Infantry Raiders, were given honorable mention on the Associated Press' All-America All-Service team which was recently announced. Both men previously had been selected on the press association's All-Southeastern Service team. (Official Infantry School Photos.)

ROD AND GUN

Predicts 80% Returning Servicemen Will Pursue Rod and Gun Activities

Hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities will boom after the war!... This was the prediction we made in this column many months ago...

This prognostication is substantiated in a recent survey by the "Outdoorsman," which states that the return to civilian life by servicemen will find great numbers invading the woods, fields, mountains, and streams...

According to the tabulation, 41 per cent of servicemen hunted and 44 per cent fished before they donned their present uniforms. The findings indicate that after the war, 64 per cent will hunt and 64 per cent will carry prels.

In this writer's opinion, however, the above estimate is too conservative. Judging from the ideas aired by hundreds of G. I.'s we have talked with since entering the Army, we would venture to say that 80 per cent of the playing veterans will pursue the sports involving a rod or gun after this debacle has diminished...

Why not? Thousands of lads have been taught to take care of themselves in the vast outdoors; to sleep in pup tents or a blanket roll; to forage for their own food; and to endure every kind of testing terrain and weather...

And fishing will double in popularity... Soldiers, sailors, and marines at outposts of the four corners of the globe, often improvising their own crude tackle to land tasty specimens...

Our list of any ambitious young man, who might be particularly expert as an angler or hunter, is to open a small tackle shop near streams and fields when he is released from the service...

Yes, indeed, America is going hunting and fishing! We have a reader: Comes the following letter from San H. Breedlove of Columbus, employed as an automotive instructor in the 71st Division:

noticed your column, ROD AND GUN, and enjoyed it very much. This is a true story, as told to me by a friend of mine, who hunts and fishes in the wilds of a very active season.

Games have already been tentatively scheduled with girls' teams from Tuskegee Institute and other colleges in this area.

TEN GIRLS OUT
Although it is a little early to predict which of the hard fighting soldiers will finally win berths on the first team, ten young ladies, led by 2nd Lt. Patricia Gunter, officer in charge, and Cpl. Mildred Wilkins, team captain, have reported for team workouts.

In addition to Lt. Gunter and Cpl. Wilkins, forward and guard, respectively, are Sgt. Norma Hamblin, Sgt. Bernice Lee, Pfc. Earlene Reeves and Pfc. Evon McMillian, forwards, and Pfc. Audrey Heffner, Pfc. Mary Bankston, Pfc. Gloria Richardson and Pfc. Mary Barlow, guards, have answered the pre-season call.

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Prof Sarge Gets DSC For Rescues at Sea

I could see the faces of the ship pilots as they dived to rescue the ship, recalled Sgt. Howard J. Weiss, of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, "for extraordinary heroism in operations against the enemy." The attack was sudden and the ship was being bombed and strafed near Cape Sudest, New Guinea, in November, 1942.

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Ex-Terrytoon Artist Draws For '215' Mag

Art comes naturally to S-Sgt. Art Aske, of the 215th Ordnance Battalion, Second Army unit out in France.

His father, he has done commercial art work, has had his painting in exhibitions, and teaches art at Mammoth (N. Y.) School, where, therefore, when Art decided that he wanted to be a painter, his friends were pleased but not particularly surprised.

Aske is art editor of "215," 215th Ordnance Battalion magazine, and his cover illustrations have been complimented highly.

No wonder, because he has been cartooning ever since he can remember. He held a position with Pat Terry Co. of New Rochelle, N. Y., and helped to create the "Terrytoons" of animated cartoon life. One of Art's ambitions in life (he has many) is to work with Disney and turn out work with Mickey Mouse, and the other classics of animation produced by the Disney studios.

RUNS IN FAMILY Aske, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Aske, of Larchmont, N. Y., was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He grew up in an atmosphere of painting, since his father, General Electric, and advertising art for General Electric and exhibiting his paintings with the Cleveland Society of Artists.

His family was moved to Larchmont, and his father, edited "Holograms," and continued to paint. A few years later, Mr. Aske accepted a position as art instructor for the schools of nearby Larchmont, N. Y.

Art continued to work with his father, and presently decided he wanted to paint, too. After graduating from Larchmont, he went to the Grand Central School of Art in New York City, where he studied illustration, and watercolor painting.

After leaving this school, he was offered a job with the "Terrytoon" people, and was working there when the Draft Board beckoned.

Aske has been in the army for over two years, being stationed at first with the air corps at Miami Beach and at Drew Field, Tampa, in Florida, then going to the University of Maine to study basic engineering in A. S. T. P.

He was sent to the 26th "Yankee" Division, and from there joined the 215th.

LIGHT AND MUSIC Art likes all forms of art. He's intrigued with the idea of combining light and music, such as Walt Disney did in his production, "Fantasia," though he himself doesn't play. He has a piano and a gramophone.

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"See, Bartie, I told you that the Camp Barkley boys would call if we painted the phone number on, too."

Silver Star Won By Sgt. Snead

The Silver Star "for gallantry in action near San Stefano, Sicily," was pinned on Technical Sergeant Gerald W. Snead of Company A, by Colonel Edward P. Passalacqua, commanding officer of the 4th Infantry Regiment.

The Infantry School, at a special ceremony, presented the decoration to Snead for his gallantry in action near San Stefano, Sicily, in August, 1942.

After Sergeant Snead had been called "front center" the citation for his "courage and loyalty" was read by Captain Walter F. Gleason, regimental adjutant.

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Chorus Prompts Huge Bond Sale In Knoxville

The celebrated 25-voice Reception Center Chorus from Fort Benning, invaded this Knoxville, Tenn., last week and through a barrage of songs prompted the sale of \$1,205,543 worth of bonds as a boost to the Sixth War Loan Drive.

Knoxville was the thirteenth stop for the famous GI concert and radio artists who are currently touring the seven states of the Fourth Service Command as an attraction to aid state and local war finance committees in the promotion of the bond drive.

The chorus left the city, it was learned that, including sales here, the soldiers-singers have collected a total which has netted \$5,465,900. It had yet to make appearances in Nashville, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn., before going into the states of Alabama and Florida where it will be featured in bond rallies in the major cities of those states.

At the regular mid-day luncheon of the Rotary Club, the Knoxville Rotarians responded to the songs of the chorus with subscriptions which amounted to \$1,083,000, Captain Richard E. Tukey, Fort Benning Public Relations Officer, was present at the luncheon upon which occasion he extended greetings to the organization on the behalf of Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Fort Benning's Commanding Officer.

In a gigantic bond rally at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, \$122,543 worth of bonds was purchased. While a trip to nearby LaFollette, Tennessee, netted the chorus \$28,000 in bond sales.

While in the city, the chorus gave a 30-minute broadcast over radio station WROL, NBC affiliate, at Knoxville, Tenn., at 10:30 p. m. Beardsley, Green and Knoxville High Schools, and Knoxville College.

Reception Center Singers Credited With Two Million Dollar Bond Sales

A \$2,000,000 war bond has been purchased by the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company as a tribute to Negro soldiers who are serving with the armed forces of the United States all over the world. This sale has been credited to the Reception Center Chorus of Fort Benning, which gave a performance at the office staff of the company recently while passing through Durham recently on bond tour.

Dr. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual, and other officials of the nation's largest Negro business, were greatly impressed by the performance of the Reception Center Singers. Dr. Spaulding pointed out that his company was happy to purchase the \$2,000,000 worth of war bonds.

When executives of the North Carolina Mutual place their signature on the check, the purchase of the Sixth War Loan Bond, history will be made. This will be the first time a Negro enterprise has purchased a check on a Negro bank—the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Durham.

Many an Army wife of Fort Benning will be cheered by the announcement that Maurice has opened a portrait studio on the Main Post for the convenience of the personnel and their families. This much-needed service, which is being conducted in adequate quarters, will give all an opportunity to have quality photographs made at reasonable prices. Maurice, who has taken group photographs on the post for the past few years, is well-known among the military personnel. His experience in photographic work should produce excellent work. By the way, Maurice promises that he'll make arrangements for appointments for the portrait studio, which is located in a bright, cheery room in the Main Theatre building. And the prices are reasonable!

THE MILLER-TAYLOR SHOE COMPANY has the very latest in footwear, a new hand-drawn, attractively displayed for all Christmas shoppers. The well-stocked footwear line includes sport shoes, play shoes, evening slippers, dress slippers and bedroom slippers and mules. The hose is of the cheeriest rayon in a variety of favorite colors. The hand-drawn, attractively displayed for all Christmas shoppers. The well-stocked footwear line includes sport shoes, play shoes, evening slippers, dress slippers and bedroom slippers and mules. The hose is of the cheeriest rayon in a variety of favorite colors. The hand-drawn, attractively displayed for all Christmas shoppers. The well-stocked footwear line includes sport shoes, play shoes, evening slippers, dress slippers and bedroom slippers and mules. The hose is of the cheeriest rayon in a variety of favorite colors. The hand-drawn, attractively displayed for all Christmas shoppers. 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2d STR OC Practically Born On Nazi West Wall

The Tenth Company, 2d STR, has one OC of the Infantry School on its roster who should know something about the Siegfried Line. He was, practically, born in it. He saw the first hole dug to house the mysterious subterranean fortresses which the Nazis have been exploring in the past few weeks.

The hopeful young OC who grew up in the grim surroundings of Schickelgruber's west wall is Candidate Werner Michel, born in Landau, Germany. His story reads like a modern contemporary history of Europe. He saw, in Landau, a cross-section of the events which made history for all of Germany from 1924 to 1937.

Landau, according to Michel, is situated just twelve miles from the French border. For hundreds of years it has been a stronghold of teutonic military might. For generations, his family has lived within the town. Today, its age-old walls, built by the modern Siegfried Line, Landau might well be considered a prime link in the concrete and steel belt which encircles Germany.

TENSE ATMOSPHERE
French troops were occupying the Rhineland when Michel was born in 1924 and for seven years he grew up in the tense atmosphere which is certain to pervade an alien-occupied country. Street fights, sabotage, murder, rape and the never-ending struggle between political parties with inflation for first place in the daily thoughts of the people. Governments were unseated overnight, elections were invariably bloody riots, which the occupying troops attempted to subdue with the taking of hostages, jail sentences and the firing squads. Today millions more was tomorrow's paper.

Candidate Michel grew up as any other normal German boy might be expected to grow up in such circumstances. His father, a wine merchant, had "served his country" in World War I and had returned to his family in the comfortable surroundings. Someday, he hoped, Germany would return to the peace and order it had once known.

In 1931, the French Colonial troops...Sphais, Senegalese and Moroccans for the most part...were withdrawn from Landau and for the first time since Germany's defeat, her people were more or less free to govern themselves. Idleness, conditions became worse and the daily riots increased in intensity. Then, a new element began to be felt.

TENSENESS GROWS
At first, it was just something about the Jews and Communists. Then, there was a lot of talk about German honor being saved by Aryan "Supermen." Finally, with a great flourish, a new "Saviour of Germany" was heralded. That's right, Herr Schickelgruber. Driving the bandwagon.

As if to strengthen and verify these great proclamations, great numbers of German troops moved into Landau, one day, and established themselves in the old garri- son which once quartered French troops. Almost immediately, Army Engineers and Labor Corps members began work on the installations which are today the west wall.

Candidate Michel learned a great many things in the grade school in Landau. He learned that all boys should be proud and ready to die, if necessary, for "Der Vaterland." He learned that physical strength and agility were prerequisites to being a "good German."

He had been a member of the Jungvolk (the Nazi youth corps) for five weeks, when a new course in Racial Science was started. He was asked to resign.

FRIENDS BY NIGHT
From then on, everything was different. His school chums, who avoided him in the daylight, used to sneak up the back stairs of his house, at night, to show him their new Jungvolk uniforms, and tell him about the games and fun from which he was now excluded.

The Nazi party was in the sad-

die and life for the Michel family became very uncertain. Werner's uncle was brutally beaten on several occasions for voting "Nein" at the polls.

Finally, the family decided to send the boy to America, where he might grow up with friends and in the United States. His sister and his mother came over separately. He traveled alone.

America was a big, terrifying place for Michel, at first. He had heard stories about American gangsters, baseball players who were "sold" into slavery, wild, war-painted Indians, roarin', shootin' cowboys and giant herds of thundering buffalo. When he arrived in New York, he expected to find the waterfront piled high with dead bodies as a result of the Seaman's strike (which Herr Goebbels had exploited so well). But very soon, America became the most wonderful place in the world, where one might travel anywhere without having to pay customs fees and where the average man on the street was a millionaire by German standards.

Michel's from Missouri, now... St. Louis, to be exact...and is a typical American in every respect.

DEBT TO FATE
He became a full-fledged American citizen this year and hopes to be very good one too, because he feels he has a great debt to repay.

Last week, Michel had a new sort of thrill. He was reunited with one of his first cousins who had also lived in and left Landau. The cousin is S-Sgt. Walter Kern of the 14th Inf. Kern and Michel hadn't seen one another for over seven years.

Michel would like to go back to Germany someday...as a platoon leader in Uncle Sam's Army. He has some unfinished business to attend to.

Venezuelan Air Corps Officers Inspect TPS, TIS

Four officers of the Venezuelan Air Force arrived at Fort Benning Sunday for a two-day stay during which they visited installations of The Infantry School, The Parachute School, and Lawson Field, which they inspected.

They are Major Victor Sandoval, Captain Miguel de la Rosa, Captain Carlos Maldonado Pena, and Lt. Horacio Lopez. They were accompanied by Lt. Col. William Lane, Jr., and Captain Andrew Masset of the U. S. Army Air Force.

The visitors were dinner guests at the Lawson Field Officers Club Sunday evening. Monday morning they inspected Parachute School activities and equipment at Lawson Field, which as a component of the First Troop Carrier Command plays an integral part in the training of paratroopers at Fort Benning. Monday afternoon they viewed Infantry School demonstrations. On Tuesday they left Lawson Field by plane for Orlando, Fla., to continue their swing of military installations and war production plants of the United States.

Pfc. Coats Dies In Auto Accident

Pfc. Coats, 28, of Company "C," 37th Infantry, Fort Benning, was killed Sunday when the car in which he was riding overturned near the 5300 block of Hamilton Road in Columbus.

Olin Jones of 108 24th Street, Columbus, a civilian, was also injured.

Columbus police said that the 1934 Chevrolet sedan in which the men were riding had been reported stolen. The car rolled over several times after turning over, and Coats was found with his body crushed by the right rear wheel.

Pfc. Coats' home address was Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C. His mother, Mrs. Temple R. Rayner, has been notified as next of kin.

BRADLEY — FRI. - SAT.

Andrew Sisters & Leo Carillo
"MOONLIGHT and CACTUS"

SUN. - MON.

Gail Russell and Diana Lynn
in "OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG and GAY"

TUE. - WED. - THUR.

Ray Milland & Barbara Britton
"TILL WE MEET AGAIN"

RIALTO — SATURDAY

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SUN. - MON.

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"SHOW BUSINESS"

TUE. - WED.

James Dunn - Wanda McKay
"LEAVE IT TO THE IRISH"

THURSDAY

Jack Carson - Jane Wyman

SPRINGER — SATURDAY

Buster Crabbe
in "RUSTLER'S HIDEOUT"

SUN. - MON.

Michael O'Shea - Susan Hayward
in "JACK LONDON"

TUE. - WED.

Spencer Tracy
"A GUY NAMED JOE"

THUR. - FRI.

Van Johnson - in
"TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR"



SAD SACK AT THE 1ST STUDENT TRAINING REGIMENT—Here are three Sad Sack cartoons which adorn the mess halls at the 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School. The decorations merited Regimental Commendation for S-Sgt. Thomas McDonald, supply sergeant of the 4th Company; S-Sgt. Mary Hare, regimental mess officer; Pvt. Glenn Popp, 1st Battalion mess officer, and Cpl. Merlin H. Myers, 5th Company clerk, who is shown hanging one of the pictures. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Major Sinsel Will Get DSC

Major Frank C. Sinsel, 1111 North 17th St., Boise, Idaho, has been notified of his citation for the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action on January 31, 1944, near Cisterna di Littoria, Italy. Since his return from the European Theatre of operations, he has been a member of the General Section of the Academic Department of The Infantry School.

The citation is as follows: "His battalion having been reduced by formidable enemy resistance from 800 to hardly 200 men, Major Sinsel reorganized it while under fire and led his men in a resumption of the attack. Exposing himself fearlessly for 15 minutes to small arms fire at point blank range and devastating shell fire which in flicted many casualties among his men, Major Sinsel directed the fire of supporting armor on enemy machine guns, destroying many of them and thus facilitating the battalion's advance."

"During the attack, because of the shortage of officers, Major Sinsel moved from company to company through intense machine gun and rifle fire, which killed and wounded him at his side, directing the movements forward and encouraging his troops. After gaining a mile and a half of ground, he again reorganized his battalion and they dug in against an expected counter-attack."

"During an attack by an enemy combat patrol which had worked its way to within 50 yards of the battalion's right flank, Major Sinsel immediately left the cover of his foxhole to personally direct, amid automatic fire and bursting hand grenades, a successful defense by his troops. Inspired by their commander's fortitude, the remaining 100 men clung to the ground they had fought so dearly until they could be relieved that night."

Major Sinsel was overseas stripes. Previously regimental supply officer and platoon and troop leader, Major Sinsel was commanding a battalion in the 3d Division when the action which led to his decoration occurred.

Major Sinsel, a reserve officer, took ROTC at high school and during his three years at the University of Idaho. He entered the service in 1940.

FITTING TRIBUTE
Mrs. Nell D. Cochran of Columbus, a ward attendant in Fort Benning's ASF Regional Hospital fittingly celebrated Pearl Harbor day last Thursday by purchasing a \$1,000 war bond and dedicating it to her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Elmo D. Cochran.

Mr. Cochran is at present with an armored division battling the Nazis somewhere in Germany. He has 20 years of army service to his credit, 15 of which were at Fort Benning.

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Recreation Body Intensifies Program For Colored Troops

That soldiers at Fort Benning may be continuously provided with wholesome entertainment and adequate recreation the Army-Civilian Recreation committee is intensifying its program and holding frequent rehearsals at the Colored Army-Navy YMCA-USO, it was announced by Private Dion Muse, who heads the committee. The ACRC is made up of representatives from various military and civilian personnel units in Columbus and Fort Benning. It was recently formed by persons interested in the recreational welfare of servicemen.

The committee consists of Warrant Officer Archie Williams of the 218th Army band, Warrant Officer Isaiah Johnson of the 334th Army band, Dr. J. S. Stanback, Jr., Captain H. A. Talbert, Corrie Sheard, commanding officer of the WAC detachment section 2, Mrs. Beaul Grey Pope, assistant USO program director, Theodore Johnson, USO program director; Pvt. Jonas Hodges, Pvt. Sims, T-Sgt. T. C. Polite, and A. C. Brown.

Lady Morphine Medico Mascot

"Morphine," a female dog of dubious ancestry, is the new mascot of the Medical Detachment, 4th Infantry, The Infantry School. She arrived at the Detachment after a Medico found her nearby, helping after being hit by a car. On examination, the Medics had discovered a broken shoulder, so had rushed the lady to the dispensary for first aid treatment.

First a sedative to ease her pain and then a plaster cast, saddle shaped, covering her whole shoulder and front leg area. The cast, extends nearly to the ends of both legs and she is completely immobilized.

Now, in her new home, a box as well as could be expected. As has been noted, "Lady Morphine's" lineage is uncertain. We imagine that her past is as shady as her present while duty-bound. "Lady Morphine" has found a new home.

Susie says it doesn't make any difference whether you are introduced to a GI or not—they all act the same way when you get out with them.

Combat Infantryman Badges: Pvt. Arthur E. Kesimaki, Prince, Mich.; S-Sgt. E. H. World, E. M. Neely, Reading, Ohio; Pfc. Bennie W. Cotton, Sturgis, Miss.; OC Charles Lee, Los Angeles; OC William C. Woodard, Chicago.

Expert Infantryman Badges: Pfc. Ernest Kipta, Brownville, Minn.; Pfc. Herman R. Hall, Davidson, Tenn.; OC E. M. Neely, Reading, Ohio; OC William C. Woodard, Chicago; OC Forest C. Hedrick, Ft. Knox, Ky.; OC James G. Hendrix, Hope, Ark.; OC Edward C. Cooper, Glen Falls, N. Y.; OC William J. Foss, Jr., Libertyville, Ill.; OC Norman E. Whitten, Lewiston, Me.; OC Pasquale J. Conti, Brooklyn, N. Y.; OC Edward J. Laudindas, Watertown, Conn.; OC Joseph R. Bozicevich, Wheeling, W. Va.; OC Sanford E. Eichler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; OC Solomon White, Jr., Thomasville, Ga.; OC John P. Tighe, Scranton, Pa.; OC William A. Metzke, Philadelphia, Pa.; and OC Frank L. Hamilton, Indianapolis, Ind.

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